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SUBJECT: TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT

1. CONSORTIUM TEAM WILL BE ARRIVING CAIRO EVENING OF JULY
8. CONSORTIUM HAS COMPLETED 90 DAY STUDY PHASE AND PUT
TOGETHER A PROJECT PROPOSAL. TEAM WILL BE HEADED BY SENIOR
LEVEL EXECUTIVE FROM EACH OF THE CONSORTIUM MEMBERS:
MR. ROBERT GRESSENE, PRESIDENT OF COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS
BUSINESS OF GTE; JOE MERCHER, EXECUTIVE VP OF WESTERN
ELECTRIC INTERNATIONAL AND JIM COWIE, VP INTERNATIONAL
OPERATIONS, CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE. THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED
BY FOUR OR FIVE OTHERS. TEAM WILL BE CALLING AT
EMBASSY SOON AFTER ARRIVAL TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR
AND USAID TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF PROJECT. THEY
MAY ASK FOR SOME HELP IN APPOINTMENTS ARRANGEMENTS.

2. FYI: CONSORTIUM MAY BE LOSING KASHOGGI'S SERVICES AS
AGENT IN EGYPT. END FYI.
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3. CONTINENTAL REPS HAD MEETING WITH GOVERNOR GILLIGAN
RE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN CONSORTIUM. AID WILL BE SENDING
REPORT ON MEETING SEPTTEL. VANCE

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